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Fair Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 4.0 days suitable for field work last week. The average height of emerged corn was 88 inches with some crops having entered the early dent phase. Heavy rains dotted the state last week resulting in varied reports on progress and conditions, particularly with corn and soybeans which were hampered by both very wet and very dry conditions. Potatoes harvests are right on schedule while Tobacco harvests are making rapid progress. Peach and Apple harvests, while progressing behind schedule, boast of very high-quality yields. Forecasts predict much warmer and dryer weather than most experienced last week with temperatures in the mid to high 80's and mostly sunny skies. Expected field activities include haymaking, bailing straw and spraying.

Crop Progress (in %):

	August 24th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	92	100	100
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	62	85	87
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	31	28	23
Apples Harvested	20	35	36
Corn Milk	82	100	100
Corn Dough	45	72	64
Corn Dent	19	42	32
Oats Mature	93	99	96
Oats Harvested	79	94	94
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	85	88	90
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	38	-	-
Peaches Harvested	55	86	85
Potatoes Harvested	23	22	24
Soybean Setting Pods	86	100	100
Tobacco Cut	49	-	-

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 24th, 2014 (equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	1	8	71	20
Topsoil	1	9	77	13

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	2	6	18	49	25
Corn	1	3	16	47	33
Pasture and Range	4	4	35	40	17
Peaches	2	1	27	42	28
Quality of Hay Made	4	8	31	32	25
Soybean	0	1	14	59	26

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August 24, 2014 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	84	52	69	+3	0.97	6	27.51	+5.93	79	1726	-9	3040
	Erie	83	56	71	+1	0.70	2	17.99	+0.57	59	2073	+48	3388
	Franklin_AG	85	54	71	+3	1.44	5	30.83	10.27	80	1923	+27	3261
	Meadville-Port	82	52	70	+3	1.74	5	26.17	+7.03	76	1963	+209	3316
	Springboro	83	48	67	-2	1.55	4	27.86	10.05	72	1688	-115	2963
	Warren	84	52	70	+2	1.09	5	27.01	+6.89	73	1817	+7	3130
North Central	Bradford_Region	80	44	67	+4	1.52	2	25.13	+5.02	63	1507	+103	2769
	Coudersport_1SW	81	48	66	+2	2.12	4	27.10	+7.45	74	1450	-28	2665
	Kane	80	43	67	+5	1.37	5	32.20	11.63	69	1418	+184	2662
	Laporte	75	50	65	-2	1.64	4	25.97	+8.47	67	1525	-64	2765
	Lock_Haven	83	56	70	0	0.96	4	20.53	+1.44	62	2023	+5	3366
	Oswayo	80	46	66	+2	0.38	3	23.00	+4.34	58	1412	-26	2621
	Renovo	84	54	69	-1	0.65	4	20.63	+2.96	70	1984	-25	3335
	Ridgway	83	51	69	+5	0.78	5	26.67	+6.30	75	1703	+212	3000
	Stevenson_Dam	83	53	69	0	0.45	4	18.97	-0.21	63	1750	-77	3027
	Towanda	83	52	67	-2	0.83	4	15.18	-0.43	55	1820	-32	3113
	Wellsboro	78	47	64	-1	1.74	4	20.36	+4.35	70	1488	+45	2732
Williamsport_AP	83	55	71	0	1.06	3	21.43	+3.06	61	2275	+165	3649	
Northeast	Hawley	81	44	64	-3	2.13	4	23.47	+5.23	62	1658	+47	2924
	Milanville	80	47	65	-2	0.72	2	20.43	+2.19	56	1831	+220	3133
	Susquehanna	80	49	66	-2	1.29	4	18.83	+0.00	63	1759	+46	3037
	Wilkes-Barre	86	53	70	+1	1.16	3	13.88	-3.13	51	2239	+175	3592
West Central	Butler	85	58	72	+5	1.15	4	26.93	+7.39	72	1907	+111	3268
	New_Castle_Ag	92	58	74	+5	1.96	4	25.11	+7.14	74	2149	+160	3519
	Slippery_Rock	89	57	73	+7	1.53	5	28.95	+9.41	75	2087	+452	3455
Central	Altoona_AP	82	56	70	0	1.79	4	22.99	+6.14	62	2068	+18	3446
	Du_Bois	81	50	69	+3	4.39	3	27.99	+8.59	68	1957	+218	3312
	Lewistown	83	55	69	-2	1.99	6	24.65	+6.07	62	2185	+38	3563
	Middletown	86	59	74	+1	0.26	3	22.80	+5.24	56	2609	+115	4029
	Prince_Gallitzi	84	51	69	+2	1.67	5	21.50	+4.22	72	1803	-3	3128
	Selinsgrove_2S	81	55	69	-1	0.27	3	20.50	+1.89	59	2107	+18	3457
	State_College_P	77	56	68	-2	2.06	5	27.26	+9.98	69	2015	+32	3376
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	85	51	71	+1	0.89	4	22.64	+3.07	53	2364	+203	3742
	Lehighton	80	52	68	-1	0.64	4	23.72	+2.14	65	1942	+61	3283
	Mt_Pocono	77	49	64	0	1.08	3	20.21	-0.33	53	1687	+278	2984
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	85	64	73	+5	1.06	4	21.66	+4.26	65	2474	+523	3897
	Chalk_Hill	80	59	69	+3	4.53	4	28.16	+4.33	74	1757	+19	3073
	Connellsville_A	86	63	74	+5	1.97	6	26.91	+6.82	72	2208	+118	3592
	Indiana_3SE	84	56	71	+3	0.93	4	23.61	+2.38	78	1886	-71	3236
	Meyersdale	80	59	70	+4	1.41	5	20.21	+0.79	68	1603	-60	2899
	Pittsburgh_Intl	85	64	73	+4	1.91	4	21.82	+4.32	66	2322	+161	3731
	Waynesburg	85	63	73	+5	1.76	6	18.43	+0.25	68	2072	+80	3444
South Central	Biglerville	87	57	72	+2	1.57	4	22.20	+4.03	50	2356	+222	3747
	Everett	84	50	68	-2	0.61	4	17.36	+0.20	64	1751	-174	3073
	Hanover	87	54	71	-3	0.70	4	21.93	+6.19	59	2226	-230	3615
	Harrisburg_AP	85	56	71	-2	0.60	4	22.91	+5.35	57	2388	-106	3798
	South_Mountain	82	54	68	-4	1.07	4	22.19	+1.75	59	1832	-452	3171
	York_AP	86	51	70	-3	1.29	4	19.10	+0.77	59	2281	-125	3673
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	85	55	71	-3	1.32	3	20.62	+0.30	48	2319	-251	3701
	Green_Lane	83	55	71	+1	0.55	3	22.94	+4.01	52	2319	+167	3701
	Hamburg	83	56	70	-2	1.47	4	25.45	+5.12	59	2234	-15	3609
	Lancaster_AP	83	54	71	-2	0.02	1	21.47	+3.00	54	2312	-22	3704
	Neshaminy_Falls	86	54	71	-2	1.28	3	21.48	-0.48	53	2411	+32	3803
	New_Holland	84	58	72	+2	0.08	2	24.90	+4.76	55	2439	+323	3844
	Philadelphia_AP	87	63	75	-2	0.33	2	21.80	+3.79	44	2877	+171	4312
	Philadelphia_NE	87	60	74	+2	0.34	4	20.90	-1.06	54	2798	+419	4222
	Reading_AP	85	57	72	+1	0.98	4	21.25	+1.91	57	2536	+172	3947
	Sellersville	85	52	69	-3	0.73	3	24.39	+3.06	51	2116	-104	3475
	West_Chester	86	52	72	-1	0.24	3	21.53	+1.60	60	2298	-70	3672

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

ADAMS County, Judy A. Behney

Adams County started Monday out with morning temperatures in the lower 60's but by Tuesday thru Friday was high 60's. Daytime temperatures were around 80 degrees. Tuesday/Wednesday were both cloudy days with some rain late Wednesday afternoon but not much accumulation. Thursday was foggy morning then burned off by 8 am with some sun. Some storms rolled through the county Thursday evening with some areas getting both storms and having 2.25" in the York Springs area and other areas of the county only getting second storm with some rain and then other areas of the county where they only got 0.6" down towards Hanover/New Oxford and Upper Adams some only had 0.5". Rains have been very spotty this summer in Adams County. Producers are thankful for beneficial rains for what we have been receiving for all of their crops. Corn and soybeans continue to grow. Early planted are looking pretty good if in areas of rainfalls but there will be spotty or various yields this year due to lack of moisture. Some late soybeans are showing signs of diseases and are not very tall yet. Wheat and barley yields this year were pretty decent if planted before mid October. Most wheat went for milling wheat. Hay continues to be made. New seedings of hay are also being planted for future crop. Producers are preparing fields for fall plantings where they can. Apples and peaches continue to grow. Peaches continue to be harvested and will have some to pick till at least mid September. Prices are good due to other parts of state not having peaches. Early varieties of apples are also being harvested. Majority of apple varieties will start to be harvested in September. Producers are seeing stink bugs affecting their crops also again this year. Red raspberries are being picked in the county also. Sweet corn and vegetables continue to be harvested in the county. Overall the producers are keeping busy harvesting crops when ready and preparing for fall plantings for next year's crops.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Good week for crops. Peaches still excellent quality and price. Apples appear to be an excellent crops as well, but yields are variable with at least a 25% reduction.

BEAVER County, Luke Fritz

Sweet corn yields are better than normal. Hay producers are still waiting for several dry days to harvest dry hay.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Showers most days made field work difficult. 1" rainfall for the week.

COLUMBIA County, John Yocum

Got 0.8" rain.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Too much rain is having an adverse effect on the quality of the crops. Discoloration of the corn and soybeans is being noticed in the poorly drained areas, and quality dry hay being made is nearly unheard of. As much as five inches of rain in some areas fell during this week.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Corn seems to be moving along nicely, with most of the yield set. Weather has turned dry late beans and corn could use a drink. soybeans are still podding, seeing fair amount of grasshopper damage, but few diseases of significance. Tobacco is big and harvest is in full swing.

PERRY County, David L. Swartz

Heavy rain and continual daily precipitation prevented any fieldwork this week. Soils are saturated.

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